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THE LOSS OF THE BEDFORD.

The Cause of the Disaster.

A good deal of speculation has been indulged in as to how H.M.S. Bedford came to pile herself on Quelpart Island. It has been assumed, says the *Manila Mercury*, that fog must have prevailed, or an error of judgment; but it now appears quite clearly that neither of these was the cause. What actually happened was that the Bedford had fixed her position correctly at 3 p.m. on the evening before the disaster and had set her course so as to pass about 23 miles off the well known reef, such a wide berth being given on account of the heavy south-west swell that was being experienced at the time, knowing that this would cause the vessel to set inshore somewhat. This swell, which had been caused by a recent typhoon, gave rise to an unusual current which carried the vessel 23 miles out of her course in a run of about 168 miles.

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The general plan upon which Queen Alexandra's possessions will be housed in future has now been arrived at. The Queen Mother will, it is understood, retain the objects incident to her formal sovereignty at Marlborough House, the arrangement similar to that arrived at in Russia in regard to her sister, the Empress Marie. Some of the Queen Mother's jewels will be deposited in the custody of the Tower, but the articles which possess family associations, such as those connected with the career of her Majesty's children, will be largely kept at Sandringham, where also the Queen will assemble objects personal to the late King Edward. While hardly anything will be removed from Sandringham, the bulk of the Queen Mother's possessions at Buckingham Palace will go to Marlborough House, and those at Windsor Castle—not in themselves many in number—will be distributed between the two residences. It is not intended to remove any considerable number of articles to the Villa Eviduara.

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the 8th October, at 12.30 p.m., for the
purpose of presenting the Report of the
Directors and Statement of Accounts to
31st July, 1910.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from 1st to 8th
October, 1910, both days inclusive.
By Order,
M. MANUEL,
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Hongkong, Sept. 23, 1910.

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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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now over, and both were productive of
excellent games. Messrs. Roberts and
Joly, the former giving 16 points, had a
very hard time, only two points separating
them at the finish. The other semi-
finalists, Messrs. Untoro and Jonland
met yesterday afternoon, both being at
scratch. This was a very hard and keenly
fought game, and some of the rallies were
long almost to the point of exhaustion.
After an hour and a quarter's play Jonland
reached his points, Untoro being at 89.
The final is to be played this afternoon.

RUBBER.

REPORTS, DIVIDENDS, AND NOTICES.

Klangang.—Dividend of 34 per cent, to
six months to June 30.Kuala Pah.—A cablegram has been re-
ceived from Kelantan stating that the
area under cultivation has been increased to
324 acres.Sumatra Proprietary Rubber.—The
directors report that up to April 30 last
out of the total of 4,000 acres acquired,
about 1,000 acres were already felled, of
which 474 acres have been cleared and
planted with Para rubber, the number of
trees being 51,373. The proposed cultiva-
tion of coffee was not proceeded with, as it
was considered detrimental to the best
interests of the property.Way Halim (Sumatra).—The directors
announced that up to July 20, the coffee
crop yielded about 51,000 lbs. A shipment
has just been sold in Hamburg at the
highest price. The directors obtained for the
coffee from this estate. A consignment of
about 800 lbs. of rubber has been shipped
to London for test and sampling purposes.
By arrangement with the directors, Mr. G.
F. W. Raven, the former owner of the
estate, has been to inspect the developments
on the property.Sumatra Consolidated Rubber Estates.
—The first annual report states:—The
jungle cutting of the 1,200 acres has all
been completed, and on April 30 last, 908
acres had been cleared, of which 273 acres
had been planted with Para rubber, making
with the original area a total of 1,093 acres
planted. The number of trees planted at
that date was 128,816. The proposed
planting of coffee was begun, but it was
found advisable to discontinue it as it was
feared it would interfere with the proper
growth of the rubber. The dividend on
35,043 shares was duly provided out of
funds received from the guarantors for that
purpose. The company has also received
from the Sumatra Proprietary Rubber
Plantations two dividends, together £470
on the 10,000 shares, part of the sale price
of that company.The Batu Caves Rubber Company, Ltd.,
announced an interim dividend of 5 per
cent.The August output from the Rubber
Estates of Krian was 3,377 lbs. and for the
eight months 21,184 lbs. against 9,377 lbs.
The estimated output for the year is
28,800 lbs.Tapiing Rubber Plantations des-
patched to London, in August, 1,310 lbs.
Sheet rubber and 200 lbs. scrap.The Selangor Rubber Company, Limited
pays a dividend of 1s. 6d. (75 per cent.
quarterly).The Bukit K. B. Rubber Co., Ltd., out-
put for August is 261 lbs., making a total
of 993 lbs. for three months.According to information which has
reached an official quarter in London from
Tokyo, Viscount Terauchi, the Japanese
Minister for War, is expected to make a
tour of Europe in the course of the coming
winter, for the purpose of becoming per-
sonally acquainted with the military
organisation of the various countries. The
assumption is that the Viscount, who will
be accompanied by two or three officers
having special knowledge of the different
branches of the service, will leave Japan
about the middle of October; and, passing
through the United States and Canada on
his way, will arrive in England about the
end of November, and after some stay he
will proceed to the Continent.A telegram to the N. O. Daily News
says that the distinguished German military
author Colonel Gaecke has an article in
the Berliner Tageblatt, that forms a striking
appreciation of the work of the Territorials
at the recent manoeuvres. Colonel Gaecke
criticizes the Infantry a good deal. Of the
three chief arms, he says that the Artillery
is the best and he praises most highly
the special troops—Pioneers, Cyclists and
Motor-cyclists. What they accomplished,
he declares, was astonishing. Summing up
Colonel Gaecke says:—"The Territorials
are not ready to-day successfully to oppose
invasion; the condition of the Infantry
makes this impossible, but it will soon be a
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first volume thumbed and loose-leaved, the second only moderately worn, and the third virtually as good as new. Three recent doctors of philosophy of one of the oldest universities in America, specialists in English history, economics, and philosophy, respectively, confessed to the editor, without apparent chagrin, that they had never read the whole of GREEN'S "Short History" or ADAM SMITH'S "Wealth of Nations," or MIL'S "Logic"; and this notwithstanding that their theses showed brilliant bibliographies in which these several works were cited. And their cases are typical of thousands of their fellow countrymen, and of Englishmen too. The conclusion is that books are not read these days, they are but skimmed.

We cordially agree with our contemporary that "to read a book through requires a distinct measure of mental concentration and intellectual repose, joined to artistic interest; qualities in contrast to the feverish concern for details and for rapid publication which has come to beset the path of learning. Yet we are confident that he who always has at hand some large and worthy book, and who sets himself patiently and cheerfully to the task of reading the whole of it, is laying a sounder foundation of culture than he who ransacks his hundred authorities for bits and scraps. For the books which, surviving the competition of time, still stand as landmarks of intellectual progress, are those which unite learning with artistic completeness and literary attractiveness; and such books are not to be mastered, or their nutriment assimilated, save by reading them as a whole."

It takes many to make a world. Our individual tastes in reading are as diverse as our mental idiosyncrasies. To some books merely represent the intellectual instruments used to fill in an idle half hour before doing off after dinner, or while waiting for some one to turn up to fill an appointment. To such an one the study of a classic—in the strict meaning of the term—would be an utter impossibility, for serious reading does not enter into the scheme of his or her existence. But there are happily still a few book-lovers left who, when the mood is upon them, turn to those shelves where the favourite author reposes and with him in hand wander again in the realms where MARCUS AURELIUS, SIR THOMAS BROWNE, or CHARLES LAMB—to take but three at random—reign in unchallenged supremacy. The pity is that their company is so select.

These are the days when every publisher of note seems to be issuing cheap reprints of books which have attained to what is known as classic rank in the world of literature. The fashion was started, we believe, by the firm of Cassells, who issued what was known as Lunnon's Hundred Best Books—Sir John Lunnon having made the difficult initial selection. His choice was very varied and ranged from such things as the Meditations of MARCUS AURELIUS to novels by THACKERAY. The example was speedily followed and all sorts of Libraries and Sets appeared, till the whole world of literature, outside copyrighted works had been exploited. To-day there is scarcely a book of any note that cannot be purchased in one or other of these cheap reprints. And still the question arises: has this wonderful cheapening of the cost of printed literature increased the level of the world's mental equipment? Is the omnivorous reading of the masses of the present day producing as high a level of learning as that attained by the much smaller circles of thirty years ago? It is a difficult question to answer though after studying it for a while we are fain to reply in the negative. The reading of the present day is more diffuse, but it is infinitely more superficial than what our fathers indulged in.

An American paper of note deplors the tendency of the age to "skim" books, a habit which all classes indulge in from College presidents down to the casual newspaper glutton. It recently had under its notice a copy of Morley's "Life of Gladstone," which it picked up from among the discarded duplicates of a circulating library. This showed the

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Austrian cruisers Kaiserin Elisabeth and Panther left 15-day for Home.

There was quite a touch of autumn in the air this morning. Has the N.E. monsoon come to stay?

The silk or R.M.S. Empress of China which left here on the 27th August, arrived in New York on the 24th September.

James Fitzharris, otherwise "Skin the Goat," who drove the car carrying the Phoenix Park murderers, has died in Dublin Workhouse.

The s.s. Zafiro came in late last night from Manila, having experienced very unsettled weather and high confused seas throughout the run.

The steamer Proteus, which ran ashore at Drinkwater Point, at the entrance to the Yangtze, has been floated. She has been docked in Shanghai for repairs.

John McMillan, a New Zealander, threw himself into the river from the Associated Wharves, Shanghai, over a week ago. The body has since been recovered.

It is reported in Chinese papers that Great Britain and Russia have disagreed over the Tibetan question. The Wai-wu-pu feels much alarm at the position of affairs.

The largest catch of fish during this season was obtained at Aberdeen on Monday. Many of the boats returned with over 100 and 150 pounds of fish, having only been out two or three days.

H. M. S. Astraea recommissioned in Colombo on September 9, and has since left for Hongkong, Captain Kiddie remaining in command. Her old crew have gone home on the Charaphis, which left Colombo on the 17th Sept.

The Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Limited, report that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending 10th September, 1910, amounted to 21,112.66 tons and the sales during the period to 14,707.64 tons.

On account of bad weather experienced on the run up from Saigon the French mailboat Oceanien arrived in port too late last night to go alongside at Kowloon, and consequently moored to one of the Messageries Maritimes' buoys in the harbour, where she has remained all day to-day.

The *Singapore Post* notes a remarkable improvement in business in Deli. It has resulted in a heavy increase of import duties there in the first six months of the present year, compared with the corresponding period of 1909, the difference amounting to 160,000 guilders. These figures give satisfaction as showing that Deli going ahead by leaps and bounds.

The Netherlands India budget for 1911 has been laid before the Dutch parliament. The revenue for the year is set at over 211,678,000 guilders, but the outlay will exceed that amount by 18 millions. The deficit will be met by a loan. The expenditure includes over three millions for harbour improvements at Sourabaya and Samarang, and nearly seven millions for railway extensions. A vote is also asked for a fresh scientific expedition to New Guinea.

A remarkable incident broke the monotony of the proceedings at the audience given by the Governor-General of Netherlands India at Batavia, on the Queen of Holland's birthday. The speaker for the mercantile community, after the customary congratulations, dwelt upon the dangers and risks attending the increasing inflow of foreign capital to develop the resources of Java, and urged that the Government policy should adapt itself to the new order of things. The Governor-General assured the speaker that the point raised would receive every attention.

The *Locomotive*, a newspaper published at Samarang in Java, calls attention to serious shortcomings in the labour policy in the matter of crimping and kidnapping coolies for labour abroad, especially in the Straits Settlements. The paper alleges that the cry for Javanese coolies is so great that the recruiters in Java are unscrupulous and unfeeling in their eagerness to meet the demand. The enormous fees earned spur them on to seize coolies, especially young women who seem to command high quotations in the labour markets. The kidnapping has resulted in riots at several places.

The mysterious proceedings concerning the author of a pamphlet on the wasteful expenditure of our Army Estimates is another of those regrettable incidents which are shaking public faith in this Army Council, which usurps the mature wisdom of a Commander-in-Chief. Mr. Arnold Foster wrote a small book, entitled "The War Office, The Army, and The Empire," which abused all concerned with military administration. He became a Minister of War. A clever young officer, some ten years or so ago, wrote a pamphlet on "An Absent-Minded War." It was so complimentary to the powers that then were, but he was made Secretary to the Committee on Military Education, and had he lived, would probably have been Secretary to the Triumvirate. The truth will out, and the best way is to accept it and, if possible, explain it, but on no account shrink it. It is impossible to deny that we are paying an absurd sum for an absurd army. Instead therefore, of harrying a man who has no doubt made himself master of the subject would it not be better to adopt the precedent of paying him on the back?—*The Broad Arrow*.

Correspondence was submitted at the meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon, relative to the carrying on of a sugar refining business at No. 108 Praya East. Messrs J. Bawa and Co. made the application and said they wished to make a small installation.

According to an American Consular Report, a great quantity of the false hair used by American ladies, in consequence of the prevailing fashions, comes from China. Last year a total of 446,733 lbs. of human hair was sent from Hongkong to the United States, where the hair is treated in various ways so as to match any colour or texture required.

The *Shipping Gazette* understands that the steamer Shibata Maru, owned in Hongkong, and now lying in the Tyne, has been sold for something under £2,000. The Shibata Maru was built at Sunderland in 1886, and engaged at West Hartlepool. She is an iron steamer with a gross tonnage of 2,600, and a net of 1,710 tons.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lieut. R. T. O. Cream, R.G.A., from 88th Company, Hongkong, has been posted to 105th Company at Falmouth.

Dr. P. J. Kelly, Medical Officer, Gold Coast Colony, has been transferred to the Hongkong Civil Service in a similar capacity.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the King has approved of Señor Don Adolfo Maria de Lourdes Sarras as Consul for Bolivia at Hongkong.

Captain the Hon. Horace L. A. Hood, R.N., succeeds Captain Arthur H. Christie, R.N., in charge of the Royal Naval College, Osborne, on October 10th.

The Earl of Plymouth, in a letter to the Press, suggests the establishment of a fund of £750,000 to acquire the Crystal Palace as a memorial to King Edward for use as an Imperial centre.

Lieut. T. A. Whyte, Royal Garrison Artillery, from the Hongkong Singapore Battalion, has been posted to No. 40 Company, Cork, and Lieut. R. H. Fitzroy from No. 38 Company, Hongkong, to No. 43 Company, Cork.

Quite a big crowd of Hongkongites came down by the s.s. Yawata Maru to-day after holiday-making in the North. Amongst others were Miss Spink, Capt. and Mrs. Worthington, Col. Mrs. and Miss Dana, Dr. A. Gibson, Capt. Greenaway, Lieut. Weld, Messrs P. P. J. Wodehouse and A. G. M. Fletcher.

The following is an extract from the *London Gazette* dated 23rd August, 1910:—Regular Forces Infantry. The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) Second Lieutenant Cyril Francis Catterall, from Unattached List, Territorial Force (University Candidate) to be Second Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant, G. See, seconded.

The death occurred at Glenbrook, County Cork, Ireland, on August 24th, of Mr. John Jones, late warden of Victoria Gaol, Hongkong. Deceased, who was 77 years of age, went on pension 17 years ago, having then completed 33 years in charge of the gaol. He arrived in Hongkong in 1860. His several friends in the Colony heard of his demise with regret.

News of the death of Mr. W. Scott-Hayward has been received in London with deep regret. He died on his way home from China, and was buried in the Red Sea. Mr. Scott-Hayward was a well-known small-boat owner, and had won a very large number (over 2,000) of prizes. During the last few seasons he had interested himself very much with motorboat racing, and was honorary secretary in Ireland for the British Motor-Boat Club. It was he who organised most of the motor-boat racing in Ireland.

Commenting on Major E. McL. Blair's removal from York to Wexford, to succeed Major F. K. Fair, R.E., the *Singapore Free Press* says:—Major Blair, as Lieut. Blair, was the captain of the first, and only Hongkong cricket team to visit Singapore. That was twenty years ago, next Christmas. We should all be pleased here if Hongkong could only show a little more cricket enterprise, and buck up for at least one of its over due return visits. Once in a generation is not too much to undertake seeing that Hongkong must have had almost four complete changes of its cricket eleven in that time.

Captain T. D. Jackson, D.S.O., 1st Battalion Royal Lancaster Regiment, has been appointed Assistant Military Secretary, and Captain J. E. C. Darley, 4th Hussars, Aide-de-Camp to General Sir Archibald Hunter, who will shortly take up the post of Governor and Commander-in-Chief at Gibraltar. As Lieut. Thomas Darley Jackson this popular young officer left Singapore with his battalion almost ten years ago for Aldershot and then immediately for South Africa. Capt. Jackson is the son of Sir Thomas Jackson for so many years manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong, and a nephew of Mrs. G. P. Owen, of Singapore.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

Thirty-six Chinese were fined sums varying from \$25 to \$50 under the stamp ordinance at the Magistracy to-day.

A native for selling opium at No. 7 Upper Station Street, was fined \$109.40 by Mr. E. R. Hallifax, at the Magistracy to-day.

THE WANCHAI AFFAIR.

Murder Charge Preferred.

John William Hayes, of the U.S.S. New York, Admiral Hubbard's flagship, who was arrested in connection with the Wanchai affair on Sunday night was charged before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at the Magistracy this morning with the murder of Hatsu Yamabe, a female child, aged forty-two days, and with wounding and inflicting grievous bodily harm on Shojiro Yamabe, at No. 2 Sharpe Street.

Mr. Leo D'Almeida Castro appeared for the defence and the case was remanded until the 6th inst at 2.15 p.m.

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THE COTTON DISPUTE.

EMPLOYERS REJECT WORKERS' CONDITIONS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Sept. 27.

The cotton trade employers hold a meeting in Manchester, and it is understood that they have rejected the conditions which the cardroom operatives attached to their acceptance of arbitration.

STRENGTHENING RE-PUBLICAN NAVIES.

GERMANY TOUTING FOR ORDERS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, September 27.

It is stated that the German super-Dreadnought cruiser *Vendertann* is going on a prolonged cruise around South America, where the various Republics are now largely occupied in the creation and strengthening of their Navies.

The cruise is being made with the object of advertising the German shipyards.

THE GRAND VIZIER'S TOUR.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, September 27.

The Grand Vizier of Turkey left Paris yesterday for Berlin and Vienna.

SOUTH SHIELDS SHIP-PING STRIKE.

MANY EMPLOYEES AFFECTED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, September 27.

Sixty per cent of the South Shields boilermakers reported on the 8th inst. as having struck work are at present supporting the shipbuilders who are still on strike.

No fewer than 429,000 men are affected. [Note—The message of the 8th inst. referred to stated that the boilermakers at South Shields had struck work to show their sympathy with the locked-out boiler-makers.—Ed. C. M.]

A GERMAN LOCK-OUT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, September 27.

A Berlin message states that the Federation of Metal Employers has decided to embark on a lock-out.

RUSSIA'S NAVAL PROGRAMME.

INCREASED EXPENDITURES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, September 28.

Reuter's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs that the naval estimates for 1911 amount to £11,300,000, an increase of £2,300,000 over the figures for 1910. This includes £2,900,000 for new construction compared with £900,000 last year.

THE TRIPLICE.

NO FRICTION BETWEEN PARTNERS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, September 28.

The *Tribuna* of Rome is authorised to state that the reports that the Turco-German and Austrian Alliance and Turco-Rumanian Convention had been completed without the knowledge of Italy are baseless. The relations between Italy, Austria and Germany are of the most intimate and cordial nature.

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PEKING-HANKOW RAILWAY.

REDEMPTION LOAN ISSUED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, September 28.

£450,000, part of the Chinese Government seven per cent Peking-Hankow Railway Redemption Loan, was issued in London to-day at £108.

It was nominally quoted at one to two per cent premium on Saturday, though the loan had been subject to some criticism in the *Daily Telegraph*.

NO GRIST FOR THE MILL.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, September 27.

Their Excellencies Chun Chiu Shung (Governor of Kirin) and Chou Hsu Mu (Governor of Uh Loong Kiang) are both resigning on account of having no funds for the purposes of administration.

JAPAN'S FINANCIAL CREDIT.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

PEKING, September 27.

Mr. K. Midzumachi, Financial Commissioner to Foreign Countries, declared at a banquet given in his honour by prominent bankers that the impression he has gathered in foreign countries was that Japan's financial condition was very good. There was still room, however, for the lowering of the rates of interest in Japan. If these were lowered they would soon see a rise in Japanese loans held in foreign countries.

FEARED DISTURBANCE.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, September 26.

The Prince Regent has ordered H.E. Chang Ming Chi, Governor of Kwangsi, to return to his post immediately on account of a feared civil disturbance.

PRINCE TSAI HSUN BETTER.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, September 28.

Prince Tsai Hsun has wired to the effect that the treatment of himself for bronchitis by an American doctor has been successful and he is now almost completely recovered.

ANOTHER ROYAL TRIP.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, September 28.

Prince Tsai Hsun intends to make a round-the-world trip, starting at the beginning of next year.

BIG HOUSES AT THE EMPIRE.

The "standing room only" stage had been reached at the Empire Theatre when Miss Addie Leigh made her bow to the audience on Saturday evening in the "star" number of the programme, *Tea's "Good-bye"*; and this and her "Annie Laurie," repeated by special request, were marked throughout by the highest of all praise. The large audience seen at this popular place of amusement testified to Hongkong's interest in the special programme of classical music now being offered; and Miss Leigh was recalled again and again. Miss Maggie Frazer is more than usually good in her current serio-comic numbers, and Miss May Lewis presents several new and catchy songs; while the pictures shown are very popular. A new bill is announced for Tuesday evening.

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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED, AUDIT.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir, I beg to call your attention to an error in your issue of the 24th inst. which occurs in your report of the above Company's Report. One of the Auditors, Mr. E. J. Chapman, is therein described with the initials "F. A. A." (the well known designation of a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales). As this is Mr. Chapman's first appearance in the press, I am sure you will be glad to know that he is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, and that he is a member of the Public Accountants' Association of Hong Kong.

As far as I am aware Mr. Chapman's sole claim to be an expert is based on his recent membership of the Central Association of Accountants, Limited, of London, a Company formed in 1905 in my opinion for the purpose of exchanging for a few pounds of the use of the initials "F. A. A." and "I. A. A." after the names of its members, and thereby impressing the glib public with the idea that they possess the usual expert knowledge and training.

The investing public has not the time to inquire into the qualifications of public accountants and auditors, and in view of Mr. Chapman's appearance in this capacity, I am sorry to give him a public opportunity of explaining what his training, experience and qualifications are for the post he has just filled in order that the public can judge if his membership of the "Central Association of Accountants, Limited" is of any value, or whether he is acting as an accountancy mountebank in obtaining business.

If Mr. Chapman can pass this ordeal the advertisement of his qualifications will amply repay him.

As far as I am aware, the only other two Members of the "Central Association of Accountants, Limited," in this part of the world are:—

Mr. J. Hennessey Smith, Hongkong.

Mr. P. R. F. Carter, late Messrs. Robert & Co., Canton.

But I am open to correction.

It has been said by those who cannot gain admittance that the Chartered Accountants have tried to make a monopoly of Accountancy, but this is untrue as any man is free to sit for his examinations (which certainly are stiff) and after 5 years' apprenticeship claim admittance so long as he has passed the three examinations as I have done. The Institute as it was commonly known was founded in 1880 (30 years ago) by those Accountants who were then in public practice.

The Society of Incorporated Accountants was formed in 1885 by the men who were unable to get in the Institute by reason of their non-existence as public Accountants at the time the Institute was formed or their inability to comply with the Institute's rules, now 300 in strength, practically held the Accountancy business in their hands though it is still an exception rather than the rule to see any other than a Chartered Accountant holding the appointment of Auditor to a Limited Company of any size in England and Wales or Scotland.

The public of Hongkong do not know these things or I venture to think the Board of the Canton Insurance Office would not have appointed an "F. A. A." (Central Association of Accountants, Limited) to audit their accounts.

The securing by Mr. Chapman of the audit of an important Company, as the Canton Insurance Office, Limited, must be very flattering to the Central Association of Accountants, Limited, and if the Shareholders of the Canton Office are pleased at paying for this they have the opportunity of expressing it at the General Meeting to be held on 15th October next.

In connection with this particular audit, there is another matter which may be noted and that is in Mr. P. R. F. Carter's report on the Canton Board and thereby responsible for the accounts, and one of the Auditors appointed to criticize them is his own clerk. Surely this is a solecism which would only be tolerated in Hongkong.

Turning to the published accounts of the company, they are in my opinion, incorrect and misleading. By this, I do not mean the profits shown are wrong or that the dividend and transfers of the surplus are not properly made, but that the assets are not as shown in the statement which purports to be the position on 31st December, 1909, though it is not actually so stated in the heading. It is a mere quibble to say this account is not meant to represent a balance sheet. The omission of any figures for sundry debtors including outstanding premiums 31st December 1909, is a gross error, and it is the duty of the auditors to see that it is corrected.

During Mr. Potts' absence in 1907, I partly audited the Company's accounts, and referred to sign the accounts for 1908 in the form: "presented by Mr. Potts, Secretary, sent him on 13th September, 1907, and to Mr. Percy Smith, two days later, explained the irregularities and put on record the understanding that they should be rectified. Unfortunately I was suddenly called away to Manila to institute certain criminal proceedings and was consequently delayed there, so that my partner, who was on his way through to Europe, hurriedly completed the audit of the accounts as a matter of convenience, and he called on me there was no time to alter the figures as promised, but it was understood future accounts were to be properly stated.

As far as I am aware, I was in my power, without creating an undesirable deadlock, I fulfilled my duties to the shareholders as an independent public accountant should, and moreover obtained a refund of the Company's monies which had been improperly allowed by the use of Auditors considerably larger than my fee.

On finding that the audit this year has been given to Mr. Chapman in Mr. Potts' absence, I looked over the present report and found, in the matter of accounts, the figures are still shown in the same misleading manner. Mr. Percy Smith, the other auditor, disagreed with my partner, but I feel quite sure in my own mind that no other Chartered Accountant would agree with him, nor would the Council of the Institute approve his views on the subject, as far as I understand them, as the book-keeping method employed is not clear, and such a method is, in my opinion, one that might lead to conceal any attempt of fraud.

Mr. Percy Smith's views may since have altered, and it looks as if he was uneasy about the position as I find in his last two certificates, he omits the word "correct" and merely trifles the accounts are in accordance with the books. If therefore the books happened to be wrong it might, probably, be legally held that he was not responsible for any misstatement of facts, in other words the auditor giving a certificate in this form is entirely evading

responsibility, but at the same time leading the shareholders to believe that the accounts have been "audited and found correct."

I do not think shareholders intentionally employ auditors who decline responsibility in this manner, but in this case they have only themselves to blame for not reading the certificate or asking at the general meeting what it covers and what it does not.

Alteration in the form of auditors' certificates are not easily noticed in this Colony as the newspapers invariably omit them when publishing the annual balance sheet.

The correct method in England for auditors who find their views at divergence with Companies' officers is to circulate a statement for large quantities of shares to be held under blank transfer, and the true owners, names therefore do not appear on the register, and as I am not a shareholder entitled to speak at the forthcoming meeting and the Company have published their accounts in the local press, I find this mode of addressing them through you the only practical one.

Thanking you in advance for the kind insertion of this letter, which I trust will be of some public interest.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A. R. LOWE.

Chartered Accountant.

Hongkong, September 27.

ASTOR HOUSE SUED.

Alleged Damage to Luggage.

In the Court of Summary Jurisdiction this morning, before Mr. Justice Hazledine, Mr. J. C. O. Loretzen, Acting Harbour Master, under the Chinese Import and Export Customs at Hongkong, and Mrs. A. M. Loretzen, his wife, sued L. Gamau, proprietor of the Astor House Hotel, for \$300, alleged damage done to the goods and belongings of the plaintiffs owing to the negligence of the defendant and his servants while plaintiffs were staying at the hotel. Mr. P. M. Hodgson (from the office of Messrs. Brown and Hartson) appeared for plaintiffs, while Mr. Otto Kong King defended.

Mr. Hodgson stated that the plaintiffs arrived here by the German mailboat "Luetow" on June 20th and gave their luggage into the charge of the Astor House runner who came on board. They then proceeded to the hotel, where plaintiffs engaged a room, and the luggage was taken to the room while the rest of the party went below. While they were at the hotel rain fell continuously and the lower part of the hotel became flooded out. Plaintiff asked the hall porter several times whether the luggage stored below was all right, but the latter assured him that it was. The plaintiffs left the hotel two days later for Kowloon. They paid their bill and the luggage was brought out not from the place where they thought it was but from the back premises of the hotel. The boxes were soaking wet and when they turned them over the water simply poured out of them. Mr. Loretzen called the manager and informed him that he should sue him for the damage done, and the latter told him he could not go into the matter now but he could take his luggage with him and let him know the extent of the damage. He did so and later sent in full particulars.

Mr. Otto Kong King stated that his case was that whatever damage was done was before the luggage was brought to the hotel. He would prove that from when the luggage was stored in the hotel it was not damaged.

His Lordship: You hear what he says—the water was dripping off it?

Mr. Otto Kong King: My client will say that the luggage was absolutely safe when it was brought to the hotel.

Evidence was then called, and the first plaintiff, replying to questions by Mr. Otto Kong King, admitted that it was raining some half an hour before the steamer by which they were travelling arrived, but the luggage was not lying on the deck.

The case was remanded.

HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE.

Annual Meeting.

Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson presided over the annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket League which was held at the pavilion of the Hongkong Cricket Club on Monday evening. There was a large attendance of representatives of the several clubs but the meeting did not commence until half an hour after it was time to commence.

The Chairman said that if any member had any suggestions to make or any new bye-laws made or existing bye-laws altered those present could do so then, when they would be considered at a preliminary meeting, to be held within a fortnight.

Captain Anderson suggested that the scoring be the same as in the county championship at home which would necessitate the altering of rule 9. Then only the percentage of wins of matches played would be counted, and the club having the highest percentage of wins would hold the shield.

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A member considered it necessary that the question of reply be compulsory on two captains, and he wished to reply to the other two captains.

The Chairman said he thought both were very good suggestions and stated that they would be considered at a later meeting when they would be able to vote.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. T. Chee seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson was re-elected president, Mr. W. D. Brindwood, vice-president, and Mr. A. O. Brown secretary.

Mr. A. E. Atkinson wished to retire.

Club desirous of entering the League are requested to notify Mr. Brown at Queen's College before October 5.

Mr. Brown said that Mr. Asger had been secretary of the League since its commencement, and he was mainly responsible in getting it started. He considered that a hearty vote of thanks should be accorded to him for his services which should be marked by something more substantial.

The Chairman said he thought they would all agree with the remarks of Mr. Brown but that it would be much better if they could persuade Mr. Asger to remain as secretary.

He would do his best to persuade Mr. Asger to stay and if he failed they would consider Mr. Brown's suggestion.

A member stated that the "Telegraph" and "Dodwell's Club" was to be known as the "Remnants," which would comprise not more than fifteen members, but none of them would be qualified to play for any other club.

It was agreed that a meeting be held on Monday week to consider the fixtures and alteration of rules.

THE TYPHOON.

The typhoon we were all talking about on Sunday evening has struck the coast near Tuenmou. To-day, however, the Kowloon Observatory reports the appearance of a cyclone to the eastward of the Ballingating Channel which forbodes no good to Hongkong. If it proceeds straight across the China Sea in the direction it is now taking the Colony should be in for a good dusting two days from now.

To-day the American Consulate General in Hongkong circulated the following telegram received from the Manila Observatory on September 27, at 9 a.m. Cyclone or Typhoon E. of northern Luzon, least 300 miles distant—moving W.N.W. or N.W.

HONGKONG HOTEL VERANDAES.

Correspondence relative to enclosing the verandaes on the south block of the Hongkong Hotel came before the meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon.

Dr. Clark in a minute recommended that the application be refused but suggested as an alternative that plate glass shades be placed over the arched openings in the veranda.

The Head of the Sanitary Department considered the suggestion of the M. O. H. secured shelter and ventilation.

Hon. Mr. Chatham in a letter to Mr. Wolfe said that during stormy weather the rain was driven into the verandaes on which the water closet windows opened. He thought the application should be granted on condition that the wooden shutters should be used in case of necessity and are to be immediately removed whenever the necessity for them passes; a ventilation is to be provided at the floor and ceiling levels of any verandaes so enclosed.

Dr. Clark insisted—I see no reason why the shades should not exclude rain from the verandaes—the space is enclosed on all four sides and therefore there will be no driving rain—what falls will fall almost vertically.

Hon. Mr. Chatham—I have been informed that the M. O. H. suggestion will not exclude the rain from the verandaes and would therefore be useless for the purpose for which the company desire to provide.

THE CASE AGAINST JOHN GRANT.

At the Magistrate's this afternoon, John Grant was again brought up on the charge of 11-10 offences.

Mr. J. H. Gardner appeared to defend. Mr. A. C. Gardner, Government Assessor, gave evidence that no faces were charged to householders for numbering their houses. The numbering was usually carried out under his supervision. Witness did not employ prisoner to number houses.

Mr. A. C. Gardner produced the plan of the district. Defendant's duties when he was employed at the P. W. D. would at times take him round some of the villages concerned.

A number of Chinese witnesses gave evidence of defendant demanding \$1 for numbering their houses and the case was adjourned.

COLOWAN KIDNAPPING CASE.

Before Mr. E. R. Hallifax, at the Magistrate's this afternoon, Li Sz. alias Li Yau, an alleged pirate chief, and six others, were sought to be extradited by the Chinese Government.

Mr. H. L. Denny, J.P., appeared on behalf of the Chinese Government.

Mr. Denny said the extradition of prisoners was sought on a charge of piracy on an oyster boat on July 28th within the jurisdiction of China. On the night of the capture of the boat and the master were asleep on board a junk which was boarded by the seven prisoners. The master had disappeared and it was not known where he had gone. The rest of the crew were told to hold the boat, being threatened with a revolver and after three days sailing they reached Dumbell Island in British territory. The junk was boarded by Sergeant Gordon and as the junk was unlicensed he made enquiries. Not being satisfied a police launch was called and prisoners were taken to the police station. One of the prisoners, a Chinese, one revolver, 150 rounds of rifle ammunition and 50 rounds of revolver ammunition.

The first prisoner said he did not commit piracy. He engaged the boat to go to the coast and to be paid \$1 for his passage. The second denied the charge and said that a cousin of his told him that his mother was sick and he engaged the boat to return to Chung Chow. He did not commit piracy.

The remainder denied the charge.

Evidence was called and the case was adjourned.

CHINESE OFFICIAL IN HONGKONG.

His Excellency Su Yeh Chiu, formerly a notal in the Chinese Foreign Office, arrived in the Colony to day in order to embark by the French mailboat Tuenmou for Singapore, where he is to take up the duties of Chinese Consul-General.

His Excellency, who was educated in America, speaks English fluently. He has received special instructions from the Imperial Government to investigate the conditions under which Chinese coolies are employed on the rubber estates in the Straits as the Government is not quite satisfied that the labourers are being justly dealt with. It is alleged that the coolies are lured by false promises of high wages and are then sold into slavery. The Imperial Government has been directed to see that the coolies are treated justly and that they are not lured by false promises.

His Excellency is accompanied by a large staff of Chinese and European officials. He will remain in the Colony for some time before proceeding to Singapore.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

Hon. Mr. Murray presided at the annual general meeting of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society held at the City Hall last evening. There was a representative attendance of members.

The report and accounts having been adopted, officers for the coming year were elected as follows:—President, Hon. Mr. Murray; Vice-President, Hon. Mr. H. Kenwick; Acting Secretary, Mr. P. J. Jameson; Treasurer, Mr. G. M. Dwyer; Secretary, Mr. G. M. Dwyer; and Mr. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Orniston and Mr. M. Dyer.

It was resolved that the customary ball be held on St. Andrew's Day, and a motion to reduce the subscription to be watched from the first, and to be reported on so that there is any outbreak the source may be destroyed. It is intended, moreover, to work in connection with the local gentry, both military and civil, and if anything is discovered, they will be called in to assist in judging whether there is danger or not. It may be said that such a Bureau will be more likely to work harm than good for all history tells us that it is fatal to give men the right to suspect and then arrest others for the spirit grows with its opportunities and it is likely that many innocent persons will suffer.

KWANGTUNG NEWS.

A NEW BUREAU TO BE ESTABLISHED.

H. E. the Viceroy of Canton has received orders to establish a new official bureau to deal with the Chinese language. These are in plain English, "spies." Their work is to be on the watch for indications of revolutionary movements, and to report them at once. The entire work is to be under the direct control of an official; the headquarters are to be in Canton, but branches are to be established in many of the prefectural cities. They embrace all the towns where people are supposed to be most infected by the modern spirit. The slightest indication of an hostile attitude towards the Government is to be watched from the first, and to be reported on so that there is any outbreak the source may be destroyed. It is intended, moreover, to work in connection with the local gentry, both military and civil, and if anything is discovered, they will be called in to assist in judging whether there is danger or not. It may be said that such a Bureau will be more likely to work harm than good for all history tells us that it is fatal to give men the right to suspect and then arrest others for the spirit grows with its opportunities and it is likely that many innocent persons will suffer.

ROBBERIES AT TAIKOW YUEN.

The movements and depredations of bands of robbers at and around the city of Taikow Yuen are said to be unbearable. Recently a man named Lung Kin-shang, who was not well, returned from the city to his country house. He was attacked and robbed on the way by about thirty men. His sons were with him but they were not able to do anything. The man died through grief and fright, but there was no one to bury him. Presently, however, the sons revealed where they were hiding. Then a body of seventy armed men was formed, and thus supported the sons paid the robbers to return the body and the robbers were buried amidst these armed supporters.

A man named Tam was returning from a market near his house accompanied by others. They had some grain, and a quarrel arose. The man to whom the grain belonged attempted to defend himself and was killed. The robbers then cut off his ears and sent them to his friends. They then burnt his body and no one dared to interfere with them. Other deeds of the same kind tell of a shocking condition of society with much uncertainty of life and property.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

Some days ago we announced that the Bureau of Posts at Peking had been interfering with the arrangements for the furthering of the work on the Canton-Hankow railway. It was decided that Shun Tin-yau should come to Canton to take charge of the line. The Bureau of Posts, however, seemed to favour this decision. Meanwhile, it is reported that everything is in confusion so far as the building of the line goes. Funds for the carrying out of certain parts are depleted, and for the present there is no money to carry out the work. Some of the managers have resigned, and others are uncertain of their situations. There are no funds for the purchase of materials, and no one at present is authorized to buy them. Meanwhile there seems to be no certain information as to what is to be done upon the scene. Whilst things are thus in a state of confusion nothing is being done. As the report says "For the most part there is no one to attend to things, and see them through, and the head offices are silent and deserted beyond what is usual."

REPORTED LOSS OF A RIVER BOAT.

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YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

The report of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited, for the half-year ended 30th June states:—The gross profits of the Bank for the half-year, including Yen 1,107,407, brought forward from last account, amounting to Yen 13,064,238, from which Yen 10,101,058 has been deducted for interest, taxes, current expenses, rebate on bills current, bad and doubtful debts, bonus for officers and clerks, &c., leaving a balance of Yen 2,963,177 for appropriation. The directors propose that Yen 350,000 be added to the Reserve Fund, and recommend a dividend at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, which will absorb Yen 1,440,000. The balance, Yen 1,523,177.22, will be carried forward to the credit of next account.

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